

**Beaver Island Dark Sky Project Committee
Recommendations for Dark Sky Preservation and Light Pollution Prevention
Language for inclusion in the Beaver Island Master Plan.**

- 1. Highlight the Beaver Island State Wildlife Research Area as a natural asset of significant importance that will be enhanced by further prevention of light pollution and dark sky preservation efforts by the Beaver Island Dark Sky Project Committee and support the Master Plan goals.**
- 2. Detail the efforts of St. James and Peaine township to support and help designate the Beaver Island State Wildlife Research Area as an international dark sky sanctuary.**
 - A. Review of current lighting ordinances that support the above-named efforts and actions by both townships to review proposed additional lighting ordinances that comply with International Dark Sky guidelines for a sanctuary.
 - B. St. James Township designation of a fund to support further efforts that support the above-named efforts.
 - C. Possible resolution by both townships to declare, July 22-31st as Beaver Island Dark Sky Week during the State of Michigan Dark Sky Month.
 - D. Highlight the current Letters of Support for Dark Skies from both townships and other agencies.
- 3. Recognize the Dark Sky Sanctuary Wildlife Research Area at Beaver Island (DSSWRABI) as a valuable natural resource and asset for development as an economic growth factor for supporting the island's tourist-based economy.**
- 4. Recognize DSSWRABI as an important vehicle to continue preservation of all protected and conserved land areas on the entire island in collaboration with other land management agencies and the Beaver Island Community.**
- 5. Acknowledge that dark skies preservation and light pollution prevention is important to the sustainability of energy sources on Beaver Island, wildlife management and for the protection of human health.**

More information, educational and outreach materials is available at the link below.

[Public Policy - International Dark-Sky Association \(darksky.org\)](http://darksky.org)

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